

# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE CIBOLA NATIONAL FOREST MT. TAYLOR RANGER DISTRICT

# SPECIAL CLOSURE

# **PROHIBITIONS:**

Pursuant to 16 USC § 551 and 36 CFR §261.50(a), the following act is prohibited on the area as described in this Order, and as depicted on the attached map hereby incorporated into this order as Exhibit A (the "restricted area"), all within the Mt. Taylor Ranger District, Cibola National Forest, Cibola County, New Mexico.

1. Going into or being upon the restricted area which is closed for public health or safety 36 CFR § 261.53(e).

## **EXEMPTIONS**:

Pursuant to 36 CFR § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

- 1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the prohibited act or omission.
- 2. Any Federal, State, or local office, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

# RESTRICTED AREA:

1. Six mining claims known as the Mirabal Mine located within Township 11 N, Range 12 W, Sections 5, 6, 7, and 8 as shown on the attached map.

# **PURPOSE:**

To protect the public's health or safety due to the mines in this area.

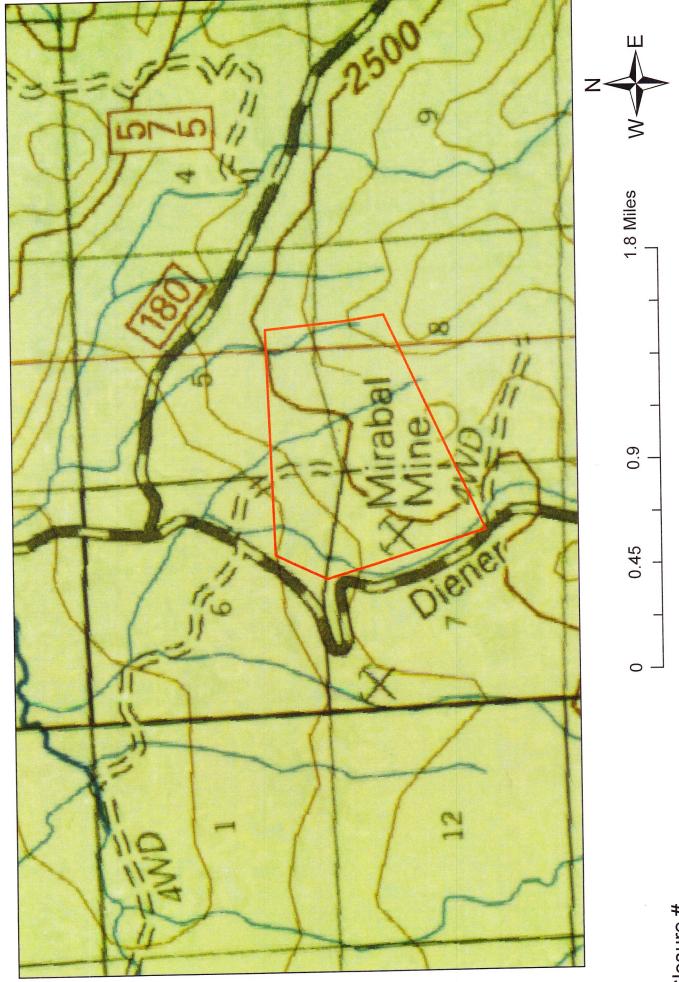
# **IMPLEMENTATION:**

- 1. This Order will be in effect July 8, 2011, and shall remain in effect until July 8, 2013 or until rescinded.
- 2. Any violation of this prohibition is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for individuals and \$10,000.00 for organizations or by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both (Title 16 USC § 551).

This Order supersedes, rescinds, and replaces any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by the Order.

Nancy Rose Forest Supervisor Cibola National Forest

# Mirabal mine property area closure



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# **Civil Right Impact Statement** Special Closure (36 CFR 261.50)

# **Proposed Action**

Special closure order for the Mirabal closed mine in the Zuni Mountain area on the Mt. Taylor Ranger District for public health or safety issues.

### Duration

Order will remain in effect until hazards have been removed, lessened, and/or signed order is rescinded.

# **Employee/Community Involvement**

Employees will speak with interested parties on phone.

### Justification

To protect the public and their health due to the mine debris in the area.

# Mitigation

Area will remain closed until hazards have been removed or lessened, and area signed.

# Implementation

Original closure order signed Public notification using signs and personal contacts.

# Agency

**US Forest Service** 

### Contact

Consuelo Zamora, District Wildlife Biologist Staff Matthew P. Reidy, District Ranger

Reviewed and Approved:

Nancy Rose

Forest Supervisor

Cibola National Forest

# Needs & Assessments & Enforcement Plan

# Background

The area listed within closure order 03-0391 have been identified under the Final Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis Report for the Mirabal Mine having mining debris that is a threat to human exposure.

# Intent of Subpart B order

The intent of this order is to protect the public from uranium mine debris

# **Enforcement**

Articles have been in the Cibola/Grants Beacon and Gallup Independent concerning these closure orders.

The closure order will be posted on the information boards going in the areas.

The Forest Service Law Enforcement along with District personnel will continue to go to this area to ensure the public is aware the area is closed.

<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>		<u>Date</u>
Prepare proposed order	District Ranger		Done
Review proposed order	OGC/Patrol Captain/Regiona	1 LEI	Done
Approve proposed order	Forest Supervisor		Ongoing
Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.50a	District Ranger and staff		Ongoing
Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives	District Ranger		Ongoing
Describe implementation/action taken for order, patrols, contacts to local public agencies.  Implement plan.	District Ranger		Ongoing
Nancy Rose		July 7 Date	7 2011

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